functions of the Government are vast and posts are required to be created/tenure extended as and when necessary.

Banks in rural areas

†213.SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

{a) whether it is a fact that the total number of Public Sector Banks in the rural areas of the country has declined from 35,389 In 1993 to 32.394 In 2002;

(b) if not, the facts thereof; and

(c) the estimated decline in the number of branches of these banks during the above period, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) The number of branches of public sectors banks in rural areas as on 31.3.1993 was 33264. As on 31.3.2002 the number was 32512. A reclassification of areas both rural and urban, was undertaken in 1996 as per the 1991 census population figures, as a result of which there was reclassification of areas, both rural and urban. Consequently, the number of rural branches was revised from 35389 to 33264. State and Bank group-wise number of rural branches of scheduled commercial banks as on 31.3.1993 and 2002 is given in Statement enclosed.

Statement

State and Bank-Group wise number of Rural Branches/Offices of Scheduled Commercial Banks in India (as on f^arch 31, 1993 and 2002)

State/U.Ts.	Bank Group	1993	2002
1	2	3	4
Andaman & Nicobar	SBI and Associates	12	13
	Nationalised Banks	4	4
Andhra Pradesh	SBI and Associates	543	560
	Nationalised Banks	898	904
	Regional Rural Banks	932	898
	Indian Pvt. Banks	67	73

†Original .notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
Arunachal Pradesh	SB! and Associates Nationalised	35 4	35
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	17	4
			17
Assam	SBI and Associates Nationalised	113	113
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	381	361
		342	327
Bihar # (a)	SBI and Associates Nationalised	278	280
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	976	960
		1270	1257
Chandigarh	SBI and Associates	4 5	4
	Nationalised Banks		5
Chhattisgarh *{b)	SBI and Associates Nationalised	153	134
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	181	169
		432	403
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Nationalised Banks	5	5
Daman & Diu	SBI and Associates	1	1
Delhi	SBI and Associates	28 33	28
	Nationalised Banks Indian		30
	Pvt. Banks		1
Goa	SBI and Associates	34	34
	Nationalised Banks Indian	112	120
	Pvt. Banks	1	1
Gujarat	SBI and Associates Nationalised	293	309
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	924	892
	Indian Pvt. Banks	378	338
			5
Haryana	SBI and Associates Nationalised	110	114
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	370	328
	Indian Pvt. Banks	257	258
		1	3

1	2	3	4
Himachal Pradesh	SBI and Associates Nationalised	183	187
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	344	344
		125	126
Jammu & Kashmir	SBI and Associates Nationalised	80	80
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	44	39
	Indian Pvt. "Banks	252	242
		202	222
Jharkhand "(a)	SBI and Associates Nationalised	240	240
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	390	390
		357	352
Karnataka	SBI and Associates Nationalised	301	303
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	849	856
	Indian Pvt. Banks	947	895
		139	141
Kerala	SBI and Associates Nationalised	68 81	70
	Banks Regionat Rural Banks	65	85
	Indian Pvt. Banks	126	71
			127
Lakshadweep	Nationalised Banks	8	9
Madhya Pradesh .# (b)	SBI and Associates Nationalised	340	331
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	771	738
		912	852
Maharashtra	SBI and Associates Nationalised	342	340
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	1364	1353
	Indian Pvt. Banks	491	480
		144	130
Manipur	SBI and Associates	11	11 9
	Nationalised Banks	18	
Manipur	Regional Rural Banks	21	21
Meghalaya	SBI and Associates Nationalised	66 17	67
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	46	17
			46

1	2	3	4
Mizoram	SBI and Associates Regional	16	16
	Rural Banks	45	45
Nagaland	SBI and Associates Nationalised	30 4	30 3
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	4	4
Orissa	SBI and Associates	309	312
	Nationalised Banks Regional	551	535
	Rural Banks	765	767
Pondicherry	SBI and Associates	3	3 17
	Nationalised Banks	20	
Punjab	SBI and Associates	235	247
	Nationalisede Banks Regional	733	692
	Rural Banks Indian Pvt. Banks	182	179
		2	
Rajasthan	SBI and Associates Nationalised	361	365
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	591	544
	Indian Pvt. Banks	911	867
		106	105
Sikkim	SBI and Associates	22	23
	Nationalised Banks	10	13
Tamil Nadu	SBI and Associates Nationalised	228	228
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	1113	1096
	Indian Pvt. Banks	161	152
		400	303
Tripura	SBI and Associates Nationalised	17	17
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	32	32
		75	71
Uttar Pradesh # (c)	SBI and Associates Nationalised	463	470
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	1936	1891
	Indian Pvt. Banks	2560	2507
		24	15
Uttaranchal * (c)	SBI and Associates	202	202

1	2	3	4
West Bengal	Nationalised Banks Regional	154	151
	Rural Banks Indian Pvt. Ltd.	163	157
	SBI and Associates Nationalised	16	16
	Banks Regional Rural Banks	344	346
		1188	1175
		750	754
ALL INDIA TOTAL;		33264	32512

SOURCE: Master Office File (latest updated version) On Commercial Banks

NOTE 1: Data are Revised.

2: Bank-Brancfi Data include Administrative Offices,

3: Population Group Classification Is based on 1991 Census Data.

' : These are newly created states, carved out of their respective parent states (#) in the year 2000. These states exist only in 2002. For comparison purpose, the same branches have been shown in 1993 also for that state.

Threat to aircrafts by hoax calls

*214. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pteassed to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of hoax calls posing threat to aircrafts has increased;

(b) if so, the.details thereof alongwith the number of hoax calls received during this year; and

(c) the action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) ; (a) No, Sir.

(b) As against 45 bomb threat calls to aircraft during the year 2001, only 30 bomb threat calls have been received duhng the year 2002, till November, 2002.